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For : TIRES FOR HEAVY LOADS AND USE OF A RUBBER  
COMPOSITION TO DELAY IRREGULAR WEAR ON  
THESE TIRES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 31, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Applicant submits herewith a marked-up version of the amended specification, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and a copy of the pending claims, attached hereto as Exhibit B.

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